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**Eighteen-year old, linked to a street gang, is charged with
drug trafficking offense**

A federal grand jury has charged **Junior Ry**, 18, of Providence, with trafficking in crack cocaine. The Providence Police Gang Squad has identified Ry as a member of a street gang, the Providence Street Boyz. Police seized a handgun when they arrested Ry in August.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente and Providence Police Chief Dean Esserman announced a one-count indictment, which the grand jury returned on November 1 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

Ry was arraigned in U.S. District Court on November 3 and pled not guilty before Magistrate Judge David L. Martin, who ordered him detained.

At the arraignment, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard W. Rose said that, on August 5, Providence Police officers arrested Ry, a passenger in a car that police stopped on Cranston Street. Police seized about 14 individually wrapped pieces of crack cocaine from Ry, and, from the front floorboard of the car, a .380 caliber handgun. Assistant Attorney Rose said that Ry had bought the gun as part of an ongoing rivalry between Providence Street Boyz and another gang, the Oriental Rascals.

The indictment charges Ry with one count of possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The maximum penalty, upon conviction, is 20 years imprisonment and a \$1,000,000

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fine. An indictment is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Providence Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives investigated the case, with assistance from the Providence Police Gang Squad and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose is prosecuting the case as part of the U.S. Attorney's anti-gang initiative. As part of that initiative, the U.S. Attorney prosecutes all violations of federal law allegedly committed by gang members or associates.

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